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VERY CHOICE GLADIOLUS

WE HAVE DISCARDED ALL ORDINARY OR WEAK VARIETIES

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YELLOW ORCHID

THIS IS a startling novelty, a greater departure in form from any known type, than its parent, The Orchid. Its petals are lily-like, long, narrow, slightly ruffled and lacinated, of the color of old ivory, shading to darker yellow in throat, and absolutely free from mark or stain, but with a touch of clear pink at tip of petals. It is a big flower, but very graceful. We have priced this at \$5.00 each for medium to large bulbs. The entire stock is still owned by us, as it was shown for the first time this season, 1930. It is vigorous and very productive.

RANCHO SANTA FE BULB CO.

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

THE ORCHID still stands alone as the only variety of that type.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT IT

A New Zealand catalogue says: "Most distinct novelty for the last 50 years."

Soule, of St. Petersburg, Florida, writes: "Your Orchid is fine. I marketed 3000 fine spikes and dug 3500 No. 1 and 2 from the 2000 you sold me."

A. J. Anderson, of White Bear Lake, Minnesota, writes: "It is the most delicately beautiful Glad that could be imagined and fully up to expectations."

It has special certificates from judges of national reputation, as: "A new and beautiful type of Gladiolus."

Professor Crowe in Canadian Gladiolus Society Bulletin: "The Orchid variety is a sensational hybrid of exquisite beauty."

Chas. E. F. Gersdorf, Washington, D. C.: "It is undoubtedly a new type, but scores very high as a Grandiflorus."

Price now—Each 20c; \$1.50 dozen

From it, by crosses, we have secured entirely new forms and colors, some of which we have begun to introduce.

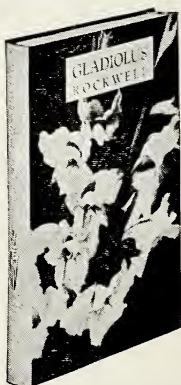
A. R. SPRAGUE, *Originator.*

GLADIOLUS

By F. F. Rockwell

Recommended as "the best brief guide on gladiolus growing." It tells how to plant, fertilize and cultivate; how to grow from seed or bulblets; how to harvest and cure; how to handle for cut flowers; and every other detail needed for success with this popular flower.

45 Illustrations, 79 Pages.
\$1.00



Very Choice Gladiolus

	Each	Doz.
Alice Tiplady. A large open Primulinus of rich orange. It is an excellent florist type.	\$.05	\$.50
Amber Queen (Sprague). This is the first introduction of this delightful Prim. Its purity of color is most notable, light amber in throat, shading to rich, dark amber at edges. Is a very large Prim. with tall spike.....	.50	5.00
American Beauty. This is an unusual shade, named after the rose. Solid color, but creamy blotch in throat. So many open at once that a single spike is an exhibit..	.10	1.00
Apple Blossom (Sprague). We have grown this for four years and find it each year very vigorous and true to color. Its spike is three to four feet high with florets well set and five to eight open wide at once. The color is a rich, clear apple-blossom, without splash or stain. A most delightful flower and a great favorite with florists. First time catalogued.	1.00	10.00
Dr. F. E. Bennett. Peach-red, overlaid with flame scarlet, throat speckled with ruby and white. A very attractive large red, with plenty of vigor. It is one of the most popular of the new introductions..	.20	1.50
Bengal Tiger. The name is a description. It is tall and very impressive.....	.10	1.00
Butter Boy. This is a clear yellow, larger than Souvenir and many florists prefer it to that widely known variety.....	.05	.50
Crimson Cardinal (Sprague). This is the introduction of a most beautiful variety, remarkable for its size and color, a rich cardinal, with beautiful crimson center	5.00	40.00
Copper Bronze. New and best of its color. The body of the flower is salmon, overlaid by a coppery shade. The tips have the metallic lustre of deep bronze.....	.20	1.50
Diener, Richard. Rich salmon-pink.....	.15	1.50
Elf. A tall, straight spike, florets well placed, yellow in bud, but white when expanded, and of lovely shape. It has excellent substance and is vigorous and productive. ....	.05	.50
Flaming Sword. Its name is descriptive of the variety. A very tall, straight spike. Primulinus type, with ten or more well placed flowers open at once. A brilliant red, slightly overlaid with orange. blooming very early.....	.20	2.00
Flame and Smoke (Sprague). We had to give it a so perfectly descriptive name; A VERY VIVID flame center with a smoky outer coloring.....	.50	5.00

	Each	Doz.
Gladdie Boy. This is of the Primulinus Grandiflorus type, retaining the delicate coloring. Flowers well expanded, with only a slightly hooded effect. The color is very distinctive, the general effect being a grenadine pink, gradually blending with straw yellow, deep in center....	.40	4.00
Goliath. This is a very well known dark red. Very tall and strong.....	.20	2.00
Glendale. This is a Henry Ford without its faults. It is a very rich wine color....	.10	.50
Genesee. A light, creamy yellow Primulinus hybrid, a perfect form and placement, very large florets.....	.10	.60
Golden Dream. Fine, clear, deep yellow, several flowers open on a tall, straight spike. A very fine outstanding variety. This will be in big demand by florists....	.20	1.50
Golden Measure. Large blossoms of rich yellow, with no markings. Strong growth, with very large spike of bloom..	.10	1.00
Gertrude Errey. Light salmon pink at the edge of the petals, shading off to nearly white at the throat, crimson feather on lower petals. Gracefully formed flowers on good long spikes.....	.20	1.50
Halley. Fine salmon pink, with obscure throat marks. Very early.....	.10	1.00
Herada. Very large mauve. A striking flower, but on a short spike.....	.05	.50
A. W. Hunt. Deep salmon. A well worth while variety.....	.50	5.00
Harbinger. A new color, coppery pink. Large, fine spike.....	.75	7.50
Jewel. Salmon and gold, large florets, well placed. Tall spike.....	.05	.50
Jack London. Light salmon, with vermilion stripes. Very showy.....	.10	1.00
Kalamazoo. A very large, dark wine colored flower with cream blotch.....	.50	5.00
A. B. Kundred. A large ruffled, cream and pink. Good height, well placed florets....	.10	1.00
Los Angeles. A lovely shade of pink, with delicate markings of cerise in the throat. Very floriferous and fine propagator. Equally good for garden or cut flower....	.05	.50
La Paloma. A large rich dark orange.....	2.00	....
Lemoine (Sprague). A very striking "throw-back" to the type of hybrids developed by Lemoine, and with the prominent throat blotch still persisting in most French originations. Prim., with very rich, dark velvet spot on lower petals. Color a blend of pink and yellow. Nothing at all like it.....	.50	5.00
Mahogany Red (Sprague). A new and fascinating color, wide open flower, vigorous and prolific (first time shown).....	.50	4.50

MIDGETS OR MINIATURES. There are many varieties of very large gladiolus, but, so far as we are aware, those that are very small and adapted to table decoration, are very rare. We have been selecting and breeding to develop a race of miniatures and now offer for the first time eight varieties of most charming color and form as follows:

Set of 8
\$10.00

The first four have solid colors: **Vermilion Prince**, hooded; **Little Cardinal**, open; **Little Buttercup**, partly hooded, clear daffodil yellow, slightly ruffled; **Coral Wave**, wide open, coral and waved. **Exquisite**, open, a lovely apple blossom pink with flash of dark rose; **White Wings**, waved; **Pink Midget**, open, rich pink with Amaranth line; **Orangette**, orange and pink, a very lovely flower.

These are entirely distinct from Baby Glads which they in no way resemble. Whoever gets the set will have a beautiful variety of most charming flowers, which can be obtained nowhere else.....\$2.00 \$10.00

Ming Toy. Pinard-yellow, suffused and etched bittersweet-orange. A large flower of the finest form and pleasing. This is one of the most popular of the Primulinus type. A universal favorite.....	.10	1.00
Minuet. A very beautiful shade of delicate, clear lavender. Four to six open at a time. Large flowers and a very strong, sturdy grower. The finest clear lavender ever produced. In a class by itself.....	.40	3.60
Mrs. Leon Douglas. Ground color begonia rose striped with flame and brilliant scarlet. Lip pale yellow, slightly speckled with ruby. The flowers are very large and well open. Spikes are extra long. A fine variety.....	.15	1.00
Mrs. J. K. Armsby. Pink, many open, medium tall.....	.25	2.00
Morning Glory. This is a seedling of Schwaben and much better, with tall spike and clear yellow with one amaranth line in throat.....	.10	1.00
Niagara. Has a very tall, fine spike, with big florets of cream, pink and yellow, but badly placed on stem.....	.10	1.00
Peach Rose. This is a very desirable flower of charming rose color.....	.25	2.00
Osolin. This is one of the best of the Salbach originations—a rich pink with straight spike and florets well placed....	.25	2.00
Orange Prince. This is a very delightful Prim., a red salmon with wide flaring lateral petals. Fine for landscape work	.10	.70
Mrs. F. C. Peters. A beautiful shade of amaranth-pink, with a purple blotch in the throat. Sometimes referred to as an orchid color. Very beautiful.....	.15	1.50
Pfitzer's Triumph. One of the largest ever grown, its brilliant salmon red flowers are 6 to 7 inches across, a solid color, with several open at once; tall spikes....	.50	4.00
Pink Treasure (Sprague). This is a very attractive, wide open pink, with long spike and well placed florets. In some ways it is the best clear pink gladiolus, and is not far from the front as a whole.	1.00	10.00
Primunella. A large, open, pink salmon Prim. ....	.10	.60
Purple Glory. Tyrian-rose, suffused amaranth-purple; slightly flaked; a very dark, velvety-purple in throat. This is probably the most popular of all the "Glory" group. Excellent show variety	.15	1.50
Pink Lily. Pink, ruffled, very fine.....	.20	2.00



"THE ORCHID GLADIOLUS." A NEW SPECIES. Originated



Originated by A. R. Sprague, Rancho Santa Fe, San Diego County, California.

	Each	Doz.
Pink Cloud. Ruffled, soft rose pink. Deeper rose throat.....	.25	2.50
Prince of Wales. Large, clear grenadine pink, with deeper throat markings. Excellent substance.....	.10	1.00
Rose Ash. Very distinctive coloring. A combination of old rose tones and ashes of roses. Very tall and straight, with large open florets. Florists won't buy it but every woman admires it.....	.05	.40
Richard Diener. Light geranium-pink, flaked with rose-doree; throat bloched barium yellow, lightly stippled carmine, mid-rib sometimes barium-yellow. Weak grower but fine.....	.05	.50
Rose Glory. A heavily ruffled pink, large and attractive.....	.05	.40
Rozan. A very large rose pink. A real sensation, of recent introduction.....	1.50	15.00
Rozilla King (Sprague). This is so distinctive in form and color, and so beautiful, that all are charmed with it; color a touch of burnt umber on clear cream..	1.00	10.00
1910 Rose. Pure deep rose-pink, with white center lines on lower petals. Strong grower, early and a good cut flower.....	.05	.50
Scarletta. A lovely scarlet Prim.....	.10	1.00
Red Fire. The most fiery red yet produced.	.25	2.00
Saraband. Smoky violet.....	.40	3.00
Sentinel. This is a brilliant, light red, lighter at throat. It is a choice Australian. ....	.05	.50
Byron L. Smith. Light Lavender, deeper at outer edges; throat pale yellow. "Florists' Favorite".....	.10	1.00
Salbach Pride. A beautiful Prim., pink and cream, tall spike.....	.10	1.00
Salmon Beauty. Very large, beautiful Prim. Clear salmon, shading from dark to light. ....	.10	1.00
Scarlano. Very much like Dr. Bennett in form and color. "Extra.".....	.15	1.00
Superba. Rich glowing scarlet, bordering on carmine. Magnificent blooms, open and showy.....	.20	2.00
Souvenir. Pure golden-yellow Primulinus Grandiflora. The most perfect flowering Gladiolus of the purest golden-yellow color.....	.15	1.50
E. J. Shaylor. This is an old favorite and keeps to the front from sheer merit. Is is a large, rich pink, not a self-color, but beautifully shaded. As a whole, a deep violet-rose; rather tends to be clubby. ....	.05	.50
Scarlet Princeps (Virginia). Scarlet - red, fading to rose doree in throat. Many large, wide-open blooms at a time. This variety is a very popular exhibition variety; must be petted.....	.05	.50



WHITE WINGS

A Miniature

	Each	Doz.
Violet Queen (Sprague). A beautiful clear violet, a Prim. Grand., good height, with well placed florets. A first introduction.	1.00	
Violet Princess (Sprague). A rich violet, with scarlet center, a very fine flower and a first introduction.....	1.00	
Dr. Van Fliett. Tall, pink and yellow.....	.25	1.40
Wolverine. Light coral pink, mottled deeper pink, with Tyrian rose blotch on yellow. Large and vigorous grower.....	.10	1.40
Wilbrink. Very early, light apple blossom. Large florets, but needs support.....	.05	.50
White Giant. This is most like a beautiful lily. It is very large, and of good substance, and absolutely white.....	.20	1.40
The Orchid (Sprague). The color plate of Orchid shows its amazing variation from any previous type. Los Angeles florists are using it freely.		
Mrs. Van Konynenburg. Tall, clear, light blue. We believe this the best clear light blue on the market. A good propagator and in great demand.....	.80	6.00



VERMILLION PRINCE

A Miniature — Actual Size

NARCISSUS

We have a superb lot of Trumpet Narcissus for delivery after May, 1931.

We propose to sell these when ordered from this catalog early, at a very substantial discount.

King Alfred, the finest big Trumpet Daffodil, except one (Treserve), is now quoted at \$2.50 per doz. We price at \$2.00 per doz. and Treserve, the very finest big Trumpet, at \$2.25 per dozen.

Sir Watkin, the leader in its class, a beautiful yellow cup encircled with lighter large petals, 80c per doz.

Glory of Sassenheim, the best bi-color, at 60c doz.

Cervantes. Very early. Better than Golden Spur or Emperor, 60c per doz.

Get Set of Four Dozen for \$5 and Have a Beautiful Bed of Narcissus Very Cheap

SPECIAL OFFER

Set No. 1

6 Orchid Gladiolus	\$.75
6 Dr. F. E. Bennett.....	1.20
6 Amber Queen.....	1.50
1 Crimson Cardinal	5.00
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	\$8.45

These three named seedlings and Dr. Bennett, the finest variety of orange red, all for \$5.00. The Orchid is still the only one of its form ever shown and is of a delicate beauty unrivalled. Crimson Cardinal is the very richest of crimson center, and cardinal on the outer petals, tall, vigorous and productive, and absolutely new, not five bulbs have yet been sold. Amber Queen is a Grand Primulinus, has very large florets, tall stem with petals of great substance and, so far as known, it is the only Prim of absolutely clear color—no marks. Clear amber, with deeper amber at tips of petals. If we had 100,000 spikes, Los Angeles florists would take them all.

Set No. 2 for \$5.00

We will send five each of Golden Dream, Superba, Los Angeles, Lemoine, Flame and Smoke, Copper Bronze, American Beauty, The Orchid, White Giant, and Orange Prince. Values \$10.75 for \$5.00.

In this catalog we have priced everything very low and especially so by the dozen. We think purchasers will be best served by purchasing in dozen lots and to encourage this we have cut the dozen prices to the quick. In getting a dozen, the buyer will have enough of each to give sufficient bloom for a good showing, even if an accident happens to a part. Also, by planting at intervals, a succession of blooms will always be insured.

In our special sets offered, we have selected those that give a great range of color, and are new, vigorous, and in every way desirable. Our named seedlings we have chosen for beautiful and unusual color or form, one or both, and we shall be greatly obliged to any buyer who will point out to us any near resemblance to any variety now in the field.

We grow our bulbs on virgin soil and do not find it necessary to highly stimulate with commercial fertilizers. Owing to our longer season, they are dug early, and yet are fully matured, splendid bulbs, that will give a good account of themselves when planted.

In case any customer is not satisfied, we will gladly refund his money upon the return of the bulbs.

Please do not order for less than \$1, and by ordering before January you will receive a 10% discount on orders of \$5 or more. We give liberal count and often put in extras to surprise and delight the receiver.

Anything on our list we will sell by the hundred for 20% off from dozen prices.

We pay the postage, except on hundred lots of a single variety.

RANCHO SANTA FE BULB. CO.

Rancho Santa Fe, Cal.



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